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LOK SABHA

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UTILISATION OF FLOOD WATER FOR IRRIGATION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether floods caused by monsoon rains from June to October in various parts of the country is almost an annual feature;

(b) if so, whether the Government has assessed the quantum of additional water as a result of floods;

(c) if so, the quantum thereof;

(d) whether any scheme has been drawn up by the Government to utilize this additional water for irrigation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) &(c) Central Water Commission operates 173 flood forecasting stations on all the major river basins of the country. Danger level for each of these stations has been fixed. When the flows in the river cross the danger level, it is likely to result in flooding in the area. Information on quantum of additional water from floods is not available.

(d) & (e) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Water Resources had prepared a National Perspective Plan for development of water resources in 1980 which has two component viz. Peninsular Rivers Development and Himalayan Rivers Development and envisages long distance transfer of water for utilizing available surplus water from one basin into the other water deficit basin. National Water Development Authority after various studies have identified thirty links for preparation of feasibility reports and has completed feasibility reports for 1 4 links under Peninsular Development Component and two links under Himalayan Rivers Development Component for utilizing surplus water of one basin into another water deficit basin.